DISTRICT REPORTS.

8. Markets how supplied.

9. Progress of agricultural operations, state of standing crops, prospects and probable outturn of harvests, serious damage done to crops by insects or other natural calamities.

10. Prospects of season, tracts in which the rainfall has been insufficient, areas affected by scarcity, number of people under relief, and state of food stocks.

11. Public health.

12. Remarks as to the condition of agricultural stock, failure of pasturage of fodder, etc.

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(Report not received.)

BANGALORE CITY AND TALUKS.

8. Market generally well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Carting manure to fields in some places in the Hoskote, Nelamangala and Magadi Taluks and the Closepet Sub-Taluk.

Standing crops.—Condition of sugar-cane is fair in some places in the Hoskote Taluk, good in the Kankanhalli Taluk, moderate in the Nelamangala and Devanhalli Taluks and withering for want of water in some villages in the Hoskote and Anekal Taluks.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane is being planted in parts of the Bangalore, Hoskote, Dodballapur, Nelamangala, Kankanhalli, Magadi and Devanhalli Taluks.

Harvest and outturn.—Sugar-cane is being milled in some places in the Hoskote, Nelamangala, Magadi and Devanhalli Taluks. An estimated yield of 8 annas in the Hoskote and Nelamangala Taluks, and of 7 annas in the Devanhalli Taluk, is expected. Jola is being harvested in some places of the Dodballapur Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season are good in the Channapatna Taluk, moderate in the Nelamangala, Bangalore, Kankanhalli and Magadi Taluks. Weather is cloudy in the Magadi and Devanhalli Taluks. Scarcity is felt in some parts of the Hoskote, Devanhalli and Dodballapur Taluks and in the Hessarghatta Hobli of the Bangalore Taluk.

Number of persons employed in tank and well works are.—Eighty-six in the Hoskote Taluk, 283 in the Dodballapur Taluk, 2,734 in the Nelamangala Taluk, 104 in the Devanhalli Taluk and 364 in the Bangalore Taluk.

Number of persons in receipt of gratuitous relief are.—One hundred and fifty-six in the Dodballapur Taluk, 7 in the Nelamangala Taluk and 30 in the Magadi Taluk. Water scarcity is felt in the Magadi and Anekal Taluks and the Closepet Sub-Taluk. Food stuffs are available, but their prices continue to be high.

11. Except for plague in some places in the Bangalore and Dodballapur Taluks, small-pox in the Magadi (where it is rather severe), Hoskote and Channapatna Taluks and the Closepet Sub-Taluk and measles in the Anekal Taluk, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" in some parts of the Hoskote, Dodballapur, Nelamangala, Magadi, Channapatna, Devanhalli and Kankanhalli Taluks, "Galusake Roga" in parts of the Hoskote Taluk and "Chappe Roga" and "Neradi Roga" in parts of the Kankanhalli and Anekal Taluks, respectively, are prevailing among cattle. In other parts of the district, they are generally healthy. Water and fodder are available for the present. But well water is being used for cattle in some places in the Hoskote, Nelamangala, Magadi, Channapatna, Anekal and Devanhalli Taluks and the Closepet Sub-Taluk.

KOLAR.

8. Market moderately supplied.

9. *Standing crops* under *kapile* and irrigation wells are reported to be in fairly good condition.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane in the Bowringpet, Chintamani, Mulbagal, Chikballapur, Bagepalli and Goribidnur Taluks and the Gudibanda Sub-Taluk.

Crops harvested.—Sugar-cane in Chikballapur; jolum in Bagepalli and Goribidnur; Bengal gram in Bagepalli and turmeric in Goribidnur.

Outturn of harvest.—

Sugar-cane in Chikballapur and Bagepalli, yield from 2 to 8 annas.
Jolum in Goribidnur and Bagepalli, yield from 4 to 8 annas.
Turmeric in Goribidnur, yield from 8 to 12 annas.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. Prices of food stuffs are very high. People are anxiously looking forward for the *mungar* rains. Report is the same as in the last week as regards the measures adopted for relieving distress in the affected parts in the district.

11. Except for cholera in parts of the Goribidnur Taluk and plague in the Chikballapur Kasaba Hobli, public health generally good.

12. "Rinderpest" is reported to be still prevailing in parts of the Chikballapur, Bowringpet, Mulbagal, Bagepalli and Srinivaspur Taluks and the Gudibanda Sub-Taluk. Water and fodder moderately sufficient.

TUMKUR.

8. Supply in market moderate.

9. *Standing crops.*—Paddy and cholum in the Chiknayakanhalli, Taluk; paddy, nati ragi and cholum under wells in the Sira Taluk; sugar-cane in Gubbi; cotton in the Pavagada Taluk; sugar-cane and Bengal gram in the Kunigal Taluk and the Koratagere Sub-Taluk; and cholum in the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk, are reported to be in moderately good condition. Sugar-cane in the Tumkur Taluk and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk; paddy and cholum under wells and tank beds in the Maddagiri, Tiptur and Pavagada Taluks are reported to be withering for want of rain.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane in the Koratagere Sub-Taluk.

Crops harvested.—Sugar-cane in the Tumkur and Kunigal Taluks and the Koratagere and Turuvekere Sub-Taluks; cholum in the Maddagiri, Sira, Gubbi and Pavagada Taluks and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk; Bengal gram in the Maddagiri, Gubbi and Kunigal Taluks and the Koratagere and Turuvekere Sub-Taluks; wheat in the Maddagiri and Pavagada Taluks; cotton in Pavagada Taluk; and sosi ragi in the Sira Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. *Mungar* rains are anxiously awaited. Report is the same this week as in the last week as regards the general condition of the district and the measures adopted for relieving distress in the affected parts of the district. Prices of food stuffs are still high.

11. Except for plague, cholera and small-pox in certain villages in the district, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" in all the taluks, except the Maddagiri, Sira and Kunigal Taluks and the Koratagere Sub-Taluk, and "foot and month disease" and "chappe roga" in parts of the Gubbi and Tiptur Taluks are prevailing. About 500 cattle have been inoculated against "Dodda Roga" in the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk. Scarcity for water and fodder is being felt in many parts of the district. Temporary wells are being dug in several villages to mitigate water scarcity. Fodder for cattle is being imported in certain villages of the Sira, Tiptur and Kunigal Taluks and the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk, date leaves are also being used for the same purpose in the taluks of Chiknayakanhalli and Sira. Fifteen cattle in the Tiptur Taluk and 16 in the Turuvekere Sub-Taluk have returned from forests, where they had been taken for grazing. Water is being bailed out from wells for cattle in several villages of the Gubbi, Maddagiri, Sira and Tiptur Taluks.

MYSORE.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands are being ploughed in parts of the Mysore, Seringapatam, Yedatore, T.-Narsipur, Mandya and Nagamangala Taluks and they are being manured in parts of the Nanjangud and Malvalli Taluks. Paddy below Madigahalli tank in the T.-Narsipur Taluk is being transplanted.

Standing crops.—Paddy in parts of the Chamrajnagar Taluk; sugar-cane and mulberry in parts of the Chamrajnagar and Malvalli Taluks; castor in parts of the Chamrajnagar, Nanjangud and T.-Narsipur Taluks; Bengal gram in parts of the T.-Narsipur, Mandya and Nagamangala Taluks; and black gram and green gram in parts of the Seringapatam Taluk, are reported to be in fair condition. Wet crops under tanks in parts of the Chamrajnagar Taluk; mulberry in parts of the T.-Narsipur Taluk and sugar-cane in parts of the Krishnarajpete Taluk, are reported to be withering for want of rain.

Crops sown and crops harvested.—Nil.

10. Prospects indifferent in certain parts and not good in others. Food stuffs are available in all the taluks, except Nagamangala where the stock is reported to have run short. 148 persons in the Mandya Taluk are reported to be under gratuitous relief. In the Nagamangala Taluk, a sum of Rs. 1,379-15-7 is said to have been spent up to-date for gratuitous relief, the individuals being 475 in number. It is also reported that up to the end of the last week in the Krishnarajpete Taluk, Rs. 298-3-11 have been paid to coolies employed on tank works and that ragi worth Rs. 293-7-8 has been gratuitously distributed to relieve distress.

11. Except for plague in parts of the Mysore and Hunsur Taluks, cholera in parts of the Hunsur Taluk and small-pox in parts of the Malvalli Taluk, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" in parts of the Mysore, Gundlupet, Heggaddevankote, Nanjangud, T.-Narsipur, Malvalli and Krishnarajpete Taluks, and "Chappe Roga" in parts of the Mysore Taluk, are prevailing among cattle. Tanks in parts of the Nanjangud and Mandya Taluks are running dry. Temporary wells are being sunk wherever difficulty for water is felt. Fodder is scarce in parts of the Mandya Taluk.

HASSAN.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Dry lands in parts of the Belur and Hassan Taluks and wet lands in parts of the Manjarabad Taluk are being ploughed.

Standing crop.—Sugar-cane in the Hassan Taluk is reported to be withering for want of rain. Sugar-cane in the Channarayapatna and Belur Taluks requires rain while that below channels in the Hole-Narsipur Taluk and in the Alur Sub-Taluk is reported to be fair.

Crop harvested.—Sugar-cane in the Channarayapatna Taluk; and Bengal gram in the Belur Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season generally fair, except in parts of the Arsikere, Channarayapatna, Hole-Narsipur and Belur Taluks, where they are not encouraging. It is reported that small showers fell in the affected parts of the Belur Taluk on the 26th and 27th ultimo, which, while enabling raiyats to plough their fields, has also given them a small supply of water.

11. Except for cholera in parts of the Arkalgud Taluk, and small-pox, chicken-pox and measles in parts of the Hole-Narsipur Taluk, public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally are not in good condition. "Dod Roga" is prevalent in parts of the Belur, Manjarabad, Arkalgud and Channarayapatna Taluks and the Alur Sub-Taluk. It is reported to be subsiding in the Arsikere and Hole-Narsipur Taluks. Good many cattle have been inoculated. Fodder is generally available. Many cart-loads of paddy straw are being exported to the maidan taluks of the district from the Manjarabad Taluk and the Alur Sub-Taluk. In parts of the Channarayapatna Taluk, dug-up grass is being used as also ragi and paddy straw in addition to sugar-cane leaves. Also paddy straw is being brought to it from the Yedatore Taluk. The Amildars of the Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks have been directed to issue licenses for cutting and removing date leaves for fodder for cattle. Difficulty for water having been felt in some taluks, the villagers have sunk temporary wells in tank beds. Needful steps are being taken to sink fresh water wells wherever necessary. Tank works in the Channarayapatna and Arsikere Taluks have been started to afford wages for subsistence of labourers, and the Executive Engineer has been requested to start several works in connection with the restoration of major tanks and collection of road materials in the affected works.

SHIMOGA.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands are being ploughed and manured in the taluks of Shimoga, Honnali, Shikarpur, Sagar and Nagar.

Standing crops.—Cotton in the Channagiri Taluk and sugar-cane in the Tirthahalli Taluk and the Kumsi Sub-Taluk are in moderately good condition. Sugar-cane in the maidan taluks requires more rain.

Crop sown.—Sugar-cane in portions of the Shimoga, Sorab and Nagar Taluks.

Crops harvested.—White jolam, Bengal gram and cotton in the Channagiri Taluk and sugar-cane in the Sorab Taluk.

10. Prospects of the season uncertain. During the week there was good rain at Shimoga and its neighbourhood, and light rain at all the taluk head-quarters except Sorab and Tirthahalli. The sky is overcast and there is every prospect of more rain.

11. Public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" is prevalent among cattle in parts of the Shimoga, Channagiri and Honnali Taluks. Water and fodder are available for the present.

KADUR.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Ploughing in Chikmagalur, Mudgere and Sringeri; and planting of sugar-cane in parts of Yedahalli are going on.

Standing crops are in unsatisfactory condition for want of timely and sufficient rain.

Crops harvested and their yield.—

Kadur—Sugar-cane, yield 8 annas.

Koppa—Pepper and sugar-cane, yield on a small scale.

Yedahalli—Sugar-cane, yield from 8 to 12 annas.

10. Prospects of the season are the same as in last week. There was a slight rainfall in all the taluks, except Kadur, during the week. People are anxiously looking forward for more rain throughout the district. Food stuffs are available, but their prices continue to be high.

11. Except for cholera in certain villages of the Sringeri Jahgir, public health generally good.

12. Cattle generally healthy. But "Dod Roga" in the Chikmagalur Taluk and "Foot and mouth" disease in the Kadur and Tarikere taluks, are reported to be declining. Water and fodder are available in the malnad, but difficulty is felt in procuring them in the maidan portions of the district.

CHITALDRUG.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Standing crops,* such as paddy, jola, navane, wheat and cotton, under wells and channels, are reported to be in fairly good condition.

Crops harvested and their yield.—

Wheat in the Challakere and Holalkere Taluks, yield from 2 to 8 annas.
Paddy in the Challakere and Hosdurga do do
Bengal gram and cotton in the Holalkere Taluk, yield 8 annas.

10. Prospects of the season fair, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Jagalur, Davangere and Hosdurga Taluks. Food stuffs available. Report is the same as in the last week as regards the demand for labour in the affected parts of the district and the steps taken to meet it.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Cattle healthy, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Hiriyur, Davangere and Holalkere Taluks, where Rinderpest prevails. Water and fodder available, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Molakalmuru and Hosdurga Taluks. Fodder is insufficient. In some places, it is bought at very high rates. In other places, cattle are taken to forests for feeding. In some places date leaves are also being used for feeding cattle. Water is made available, where it is found necessary, by deepening existing wells and sinking new ones.

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